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1. WE DISCUSSED PROPOSED MARCH 21-22 MEETING IN PARIS
WITH RAY MINGAY AT DEPARTMENT OF TRADE ON MARCH 15. HE
SAID THE EC COUNTRIES HAVE DECLINED TO ATTEND THIS AD
HOC OECD CONSULTATION, BUT DID SO STRICTLY ON THE PRACT-
ICAL GROUNDS THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE
ADEQUATELY FOR SUCH AN EARLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. THE UK GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF DIGESTING THE
RESULTS OF THE MARCH 6-10 MEETING. A HIGH-LEVEL, PERHAP
MINISTERIAL, REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF FUTURE UK
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POSITIONS IS UNDERWAY IN PREPARATION FOR THE APRIL 3-14
MEETING. THE FEELING HERE IS THAT THE PARIS MEETING
WOULD COME BEFORE ADEQUATE INTERNAL DISCUSSION COULD
TAKE PLACE IN LONDON AND OTHER EC CAPITALS, AND HENCE
THE PARIS MEETING WOULD BE A STERILE REHASH OF EXISTING
POSITIONS. MINGAY WOULD NOT IDENTIFY THE EC COUNTRY
THAT LED THE MOVE TO SKIP THE PARIS MEETING, BUT HE DID

SAY IT WAS NOT THE UK OR FRANCE. WE UNDERSTAND EC
DECISION NOT TO ATTEND PARIS SESSION WAS COMMUNICATED TO
DEPARTMENT THROUGH DANISH PRESIDENCY, PROBABLY ON MARCH
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